

Adair County Early Childhood Committee
Thursday August, 2013
2:00 P.M.
Adair County Health Systems
Hospital Board Room
Greenfield, Iowa
Minutes/Notes

Note - this meeting is in collaboration with the Success 4 Kids Council.

Meeting began at 2:30.

Attendance

Stephanie Clausen, Natalie Scarpino, Cris Broshar, Terry Wangberg, Lysie Wagner, Jocelyn Blazek, Wendy Boswell, Wendy Greenman, Kelsy Hipnar, Debra Schrader.

4 R Kids - The FY2013 annual report has been drafted and a draft of the Executive Summary was provided. The report will be on the 4 R Kids website once the board has approved it.

Data - Data regarding Foster care, Medicaid, and food assistance in Adair County was shared. This information can be found on the State Data Center of Iowa website, more information can be found at www.iowadatatcenter.org.

ECI Rankings- Data regarding the rankings of the 4 R Kids ECI in regards to population and funding allocations was shared. It is to be noted that the 4 R Kids area ranks 4th with the most population with 12,644 kids under the age of five, but ranks 6th in the state with funding allocations totalling \$997,066.

Board Membership - The 4 R Kids ECI Board has board positions that are available. An application for membership can be found at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Legislative Agenda - State wide school ready funding has decreased by more than 42% since 2008 and early childhood funding has decreased by more than 13%. The 4 R Kids area funding has decreased by more than 36% and more than 22% respectively. According to a recent state report, the revenue surplus will top more than \$1.6 billion in reserves and surplus. It was discussed that requesting a full reinstatement of ECI funding would be timely due to the state surplus.

Iowa Works - Wendy Greenman and Kelsy Hipnar provided a brief presentation about youth and literacy efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be in September 10 at 2:00 in collaboration with the Success 4 Kids Council.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Executive Director